



Calling all 2017 spring born heifers:

Enroll in the Heifer Development Program Now

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Sign up for program by: October 1

Deliver heifers on: October 6, 13, 14

Feeding program begins on: November 3

Acceptance into the program will be first come first serve, based on availability of space.

Program Cost

Cost will be figured by entry weight starting at \$2.00/day for a 400 lb heifer. An additional \$0.15 will be charged for each cwt above 400 lbs. The cost will remain fixed for each individual heifer throughout the program. In other words, a heifer coming in at 600 lbs will be charged \$2.30 per day until it leaves the program.

Entry Wt	Cost/day
400-499 lbs	\$2.00
500-599 lbs	\$2.15
600-699 lbs	\$2.30
700-799 lbs	\$2.45

Price is subject to fluctuation with market values of feed. Additional costs include medical treatment or veterinary care if deemed necessary by the SFASU staff. For more information or to visit the facility contact:

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**Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of Agriculture
Heifer Development Program**



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Requirements

- 1. Heifers must be weaned and bunk broke for a minimum of 2 weeks.**
- 2. Ear tag identification is required indicating owner and calf number.**
- 3. Heifers must be dehorned or tipped (no longer than 2 inches).**
- 4. Vaccination for brucellosis is recommended.**
- 5. Heifers must be dewormed and deloused a minimum of 30 days prior to entry.**
- 6. Heifers must be free of active Pinkeye, ringworm and warts.**
- 7. Any bull exposure must be disclosed before entry.**
- 8. Vaccination for the following must be completed according to the manufacturer's specifications a minimum of 2 weeks prior to entry.**
 - IBR, PI3, BVD I / II, BRSV (MODIFIED LIVE WITH BOOSTER)**
 - 7-way Clostridium**
 - Haemophilus Somnus**
 - Pasteurella H&M**
 - Lepto and Vibrio**
 - Moraxella bovis (Pinkeye)**
- 9. Unsound heifers will be reported to the owners and will either be treated at the owner's expense or removed from the program.**

Program Timeline

The 2017-2018 program is accepting heifers **for fall 2017**. Heifer calves weighing between **400-700 lbs** are eligible for the program. Acceptance into the program will be first come first serve, based on availability of space. **Contact Dr. Erin Brown (936)468-6948 or Chris Koffskey (979)224-8178** for reservations.

1. Sign-up prior to October 1st
2. Drop off heifers on October 6th, 13th or 14th between 8 am and 5 pm with prior notification.
3. Feeding trial starts November 3rd
4. **Weights recorded bi-monthly November- April**
5. Ultrasound for carcass data (if desired by producer)
6. End Feeding trial end of April
7. A.I. program begins end of April
8. Synchronize and breed eligible heifers by timed A.I.
9. Ultrasound for conception mid-June
10. A.I. heifers go home mid to late June
11. **Heifers may only be picked up on bi-monthly weigh day or pay \$100 handling fee for specific day pickup.**

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